

Please take a close look at Pappas Telecasting whose donation of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas of California is a prime example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Since Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on Pappas' intention to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.